

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 11, 13-15, and 17-18 above. No other amendments are made. The reason for this amendment is to place all method claims in one patent and move other classes of statutory subject matter to a continuation application. The continuation will be forthcoming with the cancelled claims once the amendment has been entered.

Please note that MPEP 714.16(d) states:

"After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04) and **has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance** of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the **cancellation of claims from the application**, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval."

In this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 11, 13-15, and 17-18. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 11, 13-15, and 17-18 is not patentable. Claims 11, 13-15, and 17-18 are cancelled in this amendment solely to place all method claims of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner in one patent. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims, including the

subject matter encompassed by claims 11, 13-15, and 17-18 as presented prior to this amendment and additional claims in one or more continuation applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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